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SUBJ: ECE - COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE - GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING AND CODING - USSR AND GDR PROTEST
RE LACK OF SEPARATE COUNTRY CODE FOR WEST BERLIN

REF: A. 76 BONN 18340, B. 76 STATE 269025, C. 76 GENEVA 8767

1. AT MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON AUTOMATIC DATA
PROCESSING AND CODING, GENEVA, FEB 8, USSR AND GDR
PROTESTED RE USE OF NUMERICAL COUNTRY CODE FOR WEST BERLIN
IDENTICAL TO THAT FOR FRG. OBJECTIONS BASED BOTH ON
PRACTICAL GROUNDS (I.E., THAT TRADE WITH WEST BERLIN
IS SEPARATE AND COUNTRIES KEEP SEPARATE STATISTICS, REQUIRING
SEPARATE CODE) AND ON GROUNDS THAT IDENTICAL CODES IS NOT
COMPATIBLE WITH QUADRAPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN.
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2. FRG RESPONDED THAT THIS IS A POLITICAL QUESTION WITH
WHICH THE GROUP OF EXPERTS IS NOT COMPETENT TO DEAL.
UK, SPEAKING ALSO ON BEHALF OF US AND FRANCE, MADE
STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF STATEMENT RECOMMENDED REF (A)
AND AUTHORIZED REF (B).

3. USSR RESERVED RIGHT TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN AT NEXT
SESSION OF GROUP OF EXPERTS, WHEN REPORT OF CURRENT SESSION
IS CONSIDERED.

4. FULL TEXT OF ALLIED STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH
THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WITH REFERENCE TO THE STATEMENT MADE
BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION
UNDER ITEM 3(A) OF THE AGENDA
CONCERNING A NUMERICAL COUNTRY CODE FOR THE WESTERN SECTORS
OF BERLIN, WISHES TO STATE THAT THERE EXISTS NO REASON WHY
THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN SHOULD BE REPRESENTED UNDER
A CODE WHICH WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE CODE USED FOR THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE USE FOR THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN OF THE CODE ALLOCATED
TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN NO WAY CONTRADICTS THE
QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE PROVISION WHICH
STATES: "THE TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE MAINTAINED AND
DEVELOPED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT
TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT."

IT IS THEREFORE PROPER THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN
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ARE DESIGNATED BY THE SAME CODE AS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY.

WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, I RECALL THAT STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE
QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ARE NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT
AUTHORITATIVELY ON ITS PROVISIONS. UNQUOTE. CATTO

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